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WASHINGTON URBAN DISTRICT

Members of Council and Health Committee, 1967

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Councillor K. PYLE, "Torpenhow," The Green.

Area in acres	6,613 acres
Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population, mid-1967	20,040
Number of Inhabited Houses (1st April, 1967), according to Rate Books	....	....	....	....	....	....	6,339
Rateable Value (1st April, 1967)	....	....	....	....	....	....	£584,892
Sum represented by a Penny Rate....	£2,442 16s. 11.66d.

CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH COMMITTEE:

Councillor G. F. HASKETT.

Officials :

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E. SOADY, M.A.P.H.I.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
WASHINGTON.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Washington Urban District Council.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS,

I herewith present my report along with that of your Public Health Inspector for the year 1967. This is my fifth Annual Report since I took up the appointment.

There has been an increase in the total area of the district with some additional work due to the Sunderland Order, 1967. Again there has been an increase in the total population compared to last year. There has been definite evidence of growth and activity brought about by the New Town Development Corporation. During the year under review, there were fears of massive unemployment due to anticipated closure of collieries, but this has been somewhat offset by new industries and deployment of personnel wherever possible. Your Public Health Inspectors were often involved in the various schemes to remove pit heaps and other land reclamation processes. One can now visualise a new Washington in the very near future with more than double the present population, with residential areas with amenities set in pleasant surroundings and conveniently situated places of employment. This rapid growth will entail additional work for the Department, necessitating your reappraisal of staff structure and office accommodation.

The birth rate has been slightly more than last year and the death rate was lower, giving a total excess of births over deaths of 203. The number of notified Infectious Diseases was 105. Broadly speaking the health of the community has been good.

I would like to express my thanks to the various General Practitioners in the district, the Hospital Consultants and Staff and the Public Health Laboratory Staff for their continued help.

I further express my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Council, the Chief Officers and members of staff for their continued help and support.

P. A. Y. NARAYANAN,
Medical Officer of Health.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
DECEMBER, 1968.

Health Services

Administered by the County Council and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

The following Health Services are administered by Durham County Council as the responsible Local Health Authority under the National Health Service Act :—

Ambulance.

Home Nursing.

Home Helps.

Preventive measures against Smallpox, Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, and Tuberculosis.

Child Welfare and Maternity.

School Medical.

Welfare of the Aged.

Welfare of the Blind and Handicapped.

Health Visitors.

The County Council are also responsible for the administration of Part III of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

FOOD AND DRUG INSPECTORS are appointed by, and work under the direction of, the County Council.

VETERINARY INSPECTORS appointed by, and working under the direction of, the Ministry of Agriculture being responsible for conducting routine examinations of the cow population throughout the County in order to maintain and raise the standard of health of said cows.

Vital Statistics

Births and Birth Rate

The net number of live births (as corrected by the Registrar General for outward and inward transfers) during 1967 was 411, compared with 330 for 1966.

Sex and Legitimacy are shown thus :—

LIVE BIRTHS—

	Total	Male	Female	}	Giving a Birth Rate of 20·51 per 1,000 of the estimated population.
Legitimate	391	207	184		
Otherwise	20	12	8		

To exactly compare the Birth Rate in Washington Urban District with that for England and Wales as a whole, it must be multiplied by a comparability factor of 0·95, giving a rate of 19·48 as compared with 17·2 for England and Wales.

The following table shows (i) the total number of births, (ii) the number of males born, (iii) the number of females born, (iv) the Birth Rate per 1,000 population, and (v) the total increase of population (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) for 1967, as compared with the years 1958–66 :—

Year	Total Births	Males	Females	Rate per 1,000	Total Increase
1958	334	181	153	18·57	164
1959	370	211	159	21·01	185
1960	368	181	187	20·25	146
1961	368	187	181	19·49	170
1962	366	175	191	19·04	192
1963	390	194	196	20·00	209
1964	398	212	186	20·3	217
1965	359	192	167	18·17	140
1966	330	177	153	16·61	100
1967	411	219	192	20·51	203

Still Births

During 1967 there were 4 still births in the district.

STILL BIRTHS—

	Total	Male	Female	}	Giving a Still Birth Rate of 9·64 per 1,000 total (live and still births).
Legitimate	4	1	3		
Otherwise	—	—	—		

The Still Birth Rate for 1967 for England and Wales is 14·8.

Deaths and Death Rate

The Registrar General reports that after correction for outward and inward transfers, 208 residents of the Washington area died during 1967, being 123 males and 85 females.

Locally-compiled figures show that there were 103 deaths registered as having occurred within the district, being 65 males and 38 females.

One hundred and five persons, being 59 males and 46 females, normally resident in the district, died outside the area. There were, therefore, 105 inward transfers.

Of the 105 residents who died outside the area, 102 died in hospital, 1 in a private home, and 2 died in rivers.

The Death Rate for 1967, corrected for outward and inward transfers and including deaths from all causes and at all ages, was 10.38 for Washington Urban District, compared with 11.58 in 1966.

In order to compare the local figure with that for England and Wales, the former must be multiplied by a comparability factor of 1.36, giving a Death Rate for Washington of 14.12, whilst that for England and Wales is 11.2.

Total Deaths under Five Years (corrected locally)

During 1967, 11 children died before attaining the age of five years, as compared with 9 in 1966, being 3 males and 8 females, all under one year of age.

Therefore, 5.05 per cent. of the total deaths were of children under five years of age, as compared with 3.91 per cent. in 1966.

Maternal Mortality

There were no deaths among women from puerperal sepsis, pregnancy, or abortion.

Comparisons between England and Wales and Washington

The maternal mortality per 1,000 total live and still births, based on deaths which are primarily classed as due to diseases of pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperal state, is shown in the following table :—

	ENGLAND AND WALES		WASHINGTON URBAN DISTRICT	
	Nos.	Rate	Nos.	Rate
Maternal Causes, excluding Abortion	136	0.16	0	0.000
Due to Abortion	34	0.04	0	0.000
Total Maternal Mortality ..	170	0.20	0	0.000

Death Rate of Infants under One Year

During 1967 there were 11 children, being 3 males and 8 females, who died in the area before attaining the age of one year. This is equivalent to an infantile mortality rate of 26.76 per 1,000 live births, compared with 18.3 for England and Wales.

In 1966 there were 9 children who died under one year of age, yielding an infantile mortality rate of 27.27 (per 1,000 total births).

The following table shows the death rates for infants under one year of age, according to the total number of live births and legitimacy for the years 1958–67 :—

Year	All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	Other Infants per 1,000 Other Live Births
1958	29.94	30.67	0.00
1959	27.02	27.47	0.00
1960	50.13	51.62	0.00
1961	21.73	22.10	0.00
1962	21.85	22.72	0.00
1963	15.38	15.62	0.00
1964	17.6	18.13	0.00
1965	16.7	14.16	166.66
1966	27.27	28.66	0.00
1967 ...	26.76	28.13	0.00

The following table shows in detail the number and causes of deaths in infants during the first year of life, and also the deaths at the various ages.

Infant Mortality during the year ended 31st December, 1967

Cause of Death			Ages of Children			Total
Renal Failure	3 months	....	1
Meconium Aspiration Syndrome	2 days	....	1
Spina Bifida	18 hours	....	1
Hydrocephalus	4 hours	....	1
Respiratory Failure	5 minutes	....	1
Prematurity	2 hours	....	1
„	22 hours	....	1
Viral Pneumonia	3 months	....	1
Meningomyelocele	2 weeks	1
Anencephalus	13 hours	1
Brain Damage and Convulsions	4 months	1
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Since the total deaths in the district at all ages was 208, then 5.29 per cent. of the total were children under one year of age. Of these infants 36.36 per cent. were one week old or older.

Death Rate of Infants Under One Week

During 1967 there were 7 infants who died before attaining the age of one week. This is equivalent to an early neo-natal Mortality Rate of 17.03 per 1,000 total live births.

There were 4 still births during 1967 in the district, which is equivalent to a perinatal Mortality Rate of 9.64 per 1,000 total live and still births.

Causes of Death in Washington Urban District during 1967

CAUSES OF DEATH					Males	Females
1.	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	....	....	....	2	....
2.	Tuberculosis, Other	....	....	....	....	....
3.	Syphilitic Disease	....	....	....	....	....
4.	Diphtheria	....	....	....	....	....
5.	Whooping Cough	....	....	....	....	....
6.	Meningococcal Infections	....	....	....	....	....
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	....	....	....	....	....
8.	Measles	....	....	....	....	....
9.	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	....	....	....	....	....
10.	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	....	....	....	5	6
11.	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	....	....	....	9	7
12.	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	....	....	....	....	3
13.	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	....	....	....	....	1
14.	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	....	....	....	13	10
15.	Leukaemia Aleukaemia	....	....	....	1	2
16.	Diabetes	....	....	....	1	....
17.	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	....	....	....	7	7
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina	....	....	....	40	13
19.	Hypertension with Heart Disease	....	....	....	1	1
20.	Other Heart Disease	....	....	....	6	11
21.	Other Circulatory Disease	....	....	....	5	4
22.	Influenza	....	....	....	....	....
23.	Pneumonia	....	....	....	4	3
24.	Bronchitis	....	....	....	10	1
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	....	....	....	2	1
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	....	....	....	2	....
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	....	....	....	....	2
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	....	....	....	1	....
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate	....	....	....	1	....
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	....	....	....	....	....
31.	Congenital Malformations	....	....	....	1	4
32.	Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	....	....	....	5	7
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents	....	....	....	....	....
34.	All other Accidents	....	....	....	5	....
35.	Suicide	....	....	....	2	2
36.	Homicide and operations of War	....	....	....	....	....
ALL CAUSES					123	85

Causes of Death

TUBERCULOSIS

There were 2 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis during 1967.

COMPARATIVE TABLE

Year	No. of Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis in Washington U.D.	Death Rate per 1,000 Population from Pulmonary Tuberculosis England and Wales	Death Rate per 1,000 Population from Pulmonary Tuberculosis in Washington U.D.	No. of Deaths from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis in Washington U.D.	Death Rate per 1,000 Population from Non- Pulmonary Tuberculosis England and Wales	Death Rate per 1,000 Population from Non- Pulmonary Tuberculosis in Washington U.D.
1958	0	0.089	0.000	0	0.011	0.000
1959	0	0.077	0.000	1	0.008	0.055
1960	1	0.068	0.055	1	0.007	0.055
1961	6	0.065	0.317	0	0.007	0.000
1962	0	0.059	0.000	0	0.007	0.000
1963	0	0.056	0.000	0	0.007	0.000
1964	3	0.047	0.153	0	0.006	0.000
1965	1	0.042	0.051	1	0.006	0.051
1966	2	0.043	0.101	0	0.005	0.000
1967	2	0.037	0.100	0	0.005	0.000

B.C.G. VACCINATION

The following table shows the number of B.C.G. Vaccinations carried out at the various schools throughout the district.

This is a form of preventative medicine which is most essential in Urban Districts, and it means that at least 80 per cent. of these children vaccinated are now, for a number of years, protected against tuberculosis.

SCHOOL	No. Consenting	No. Skin-Tested	% Skin-Tested	No. Positive Readings	No. Negative Readings Vaccinated	% Positive Readings	% Negative Readings	No. Absent at Time of Reading
Alderman Smith Grammar	148	145	98.0	9	131	6.2	90.3	5
Glebe Secondary Modern	83	75	90.4	0	69	0	92.0	6
St. Joseph's R.C.....	41	39	95.1	2	36	5.1	92.3	1
Usworth Colliery Modern	48	47	97.9	4	41	8.6	87.7	2
High Usworth Secondary Modern	67	61	91.0	6	53	9.8	86.9	2

HEART DISEASE AND DISEASE OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

This includes :—

		Males		Females
Coronary Disease—Angina	....	40	....	13
Hypertension with Heart Disease....		1	1
Other Heart Disease	6	11
Other Circulatory Disease....	5	...	4
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Total	52	...	29
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Therefore in 1967 there were 81 deaths due to the above-named causes—that is, 37·16 of the total deaths, or a death rate of 4·04 per 1,000 population. The percentage of total deaths in 1966 was 37·83 and the death rate 4·38.

COMPARATIVE TABLE

Year	Total Deaths All Causes	Deaths due to Heart Disease	DEATH RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION		Percentage Total Deaths due to Heart Disease
			All Causes	Heart Disease	
1957	181	54	10·10	3·015	29·83
1958	170	62	9·126	3·44	36·47
1959	185	63	10·23	3·48	34·08
1960	222	65	11·67	3·58	29·28
1961	218	66	11·546	3·49	30·28
1962	174	69	9·053	3·59	39·6
1963	181	73	9·28	3·74	40·33
1964	181	64	9·23	3·26	35·35
1965	219	81	11·08	4·099	37·44
1966	230	87	11·58	4·38	37·83
1967	218	81	10·38	4·04	37·16

CANCER

This includes all malignant growths and diseases.

During 1967 there were 54 deaths certified as being due to malignant growths, being 27 males and 27 females. Of these, 16 were due to cancer of lungs and bronchi and 11 to cancer of stomach, 3 breast, 1 uterus, and 23 to other malignant growths.

	England and Wales		Washington Urban District
Death Rate (per 1,000 population)			
cancer of lungs and bronchi	0·584	....	0·798
Death Rate (per 1,000 population)			
other cancer	1·691	....	1·896

The following table shows the number of deaths in the area due to cancer, and the mortality rate from this disease in 1967 compared with the preceding 10 years :—

Year	NUMBER OF DEATHS			Mortality Rate per 1,000 Population
	Male	Female	TOTAL	
1957	15	16	31	1.73
1958	21	15	36	2.02
1959	21	14	35	1.93
1960	23	21	44	2.42
1961	26	15	41	2.17
1962	11	16	27	1.404
1963	15	17	32	1.666
1964	18	18	36	1.835
1965	17	19	36	1.822
1966	36	17	53	2.668
1967	27	27	54	2.695

Mass Radiography

A survey carried out by the Unit at three locations in Washington during 1967 revealed the following:—

	100 mm Films			Referred to Chest Clinic			Tuberculosis	
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	Active	Inactive
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	M.
Public Sessions	418	497	915	11	3	14	—	1
Industrial Sessions	463	253	716	15	3	18	1	1

Diphtheria Immunisations

The number of children in the Urban District who are recorded as having the complete course and those who have received the subsequent reinforcing, or booster, dose are given as follows :—

	Full Course			Boosters	
0 to 5 years of age	1,042	378
6 to 15 years of age	2,319	1,286
Total	<u>3,361</u>	<u>1,664</u>

Medical Examinations

During the year, 30 medical examinations were carried out under the Sickness Pay Scheme and for superannuation purposes.

Notifiable Disease during the year 1967

The incidence of infectious diseases, other than tuberculosis, as notified in the district during the period under consideration, the number of cases which received treatment in hospital, and the number of deaths from such infectious diseases are shown in the following table :—

DISEASES	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox ....	....	....	....
Scarlet Fever	5	....	....
Diphtheria ....	....	....	....
Enteric F. (incl. Paratyphoid) ....	....	....	....
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis ....	....	....	....
Puerperal Pyrexia ....	....	....	....
Erysipelas ....	....	....	....
Pneumonia	1	1	7
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ....	....	....	....
Measles	88	3	....
Whooping Cough	8	....	....
Dysentery	1	....	....
Poliomyelitis ....	....	....	....
Polioencephalitis ....	....	....	....
Food Poisoning ....	....	....	....
Acute Encephalitis	2	2	....
Total	105	6	7

Prevention of Blindness

Schemes for the above are entirely under the jurisdiction of the County Council.

Cases of Infectious Diseases during 1967 showing Age, Incidence, and Distribution

DISEASE	At All Ages	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED										WARDS					No. of Cases Removed to Hospital
		0-1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-4 years	4-5 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 and over	Washington	Washington Station	Usworth Colliery	Great Usworth		Springwell
Scarlet Fever ...	5	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	...	...
Whooping Cough ...	8	...	1	1	1	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	1	3	...
Measles ...	88	2	10	12	14	13	35	2	...	...	...	...	28	11	30	15	4
Acute Encephalitis ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
Acute Pneumonia ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tuberculosis ...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	1	1	3	...	2	...
Dysentery ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...

New Cases of Tuberculosis during 1967

The following table shows the notification of tuberculosis, pulmonary and non-pulmonary, according to sex, for the year 1967, compared with the preceding 10 years:—

Year	PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
1957	7	3	10	2	2	4
1958	11	9	20	1	3	4
1959	6	3	9	....	....	....
1960	4	5	9	....	....	....
1961	2	5	7	1	1	2
1962	6	5	11	....	2	2
1963	4	4	8	1	....	1
1964	7	6	13	3	....	3
1965	6	3	9	....	....	....
1966	4	2	6	....	....	....
1967	6	....	6	....	....	....

The following table shows the distribution of pulmonary and non-pulmonary tuberculosis notified in 1967, according to sex and ward incidence:—

Ward	Pulmonary Tuberculosis		Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis		Totals
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Washington	1	....	....	....	1
Washington Station	3	....	....	....	3
Usworth Colliery ....	....	....	....	....	....
Great Usworth	2	....	....	....	2
Springwell ....	....	....	....	....	....
Total	6	....	....	....	6

The following table shows the various age periods for males and females at which the new cases were notified and the age of those who died from tuberculosis:—

Age Period	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
5—15 „ ....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
15—25 „ ....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
25—45 „	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
45—65 „	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....
65 and upwards	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....
Total	6	....	....	....	2	....	....	....

Occupation

The occupations of those who were notified during 1967 as suffering from tuberculosis were as follows:—

PULMONARY: 1 labourer, 1 clerk, 1 felter, 1 representative, 1 retired miner, and 1 factory worker.

Examination of Sputa

Specimens of sputa sent by the family doctor or other medical practitioner are examined free at the Public Health Laboratory, Newcastle upon Tyne.

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Water Supply

The supply of water to the Urban District is controlled by the Sunderland and South Shields Water Company. As from September, 1966, water has been supplied throughout the entire district from the Company's Derwent Pipeline.

The supply to the area is satisfactory in quality and quantity.

The water does not appear to have a plumbo solvent action.

Samples of mains supply water submitted for bacteriological examination during the year were found to be satisfactory, there being no evidence of contamination.

The fluoride content of the water has varied from 0.45 to 0.5 p.p.m.

All the dwelling houses within the Urban District are supplied from public mains as follows:—

Direct to houses	6,926
By means of stand-pipe in yard or wash-house	6

Examination of a typical sample of water from the Derwent Pipeline when first introduced into the district showed that the water was of a slightly alkaline nature and total hardness was expressed as 57.1 parts per million.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The sewage of the district is discharged into the River Wear at three points: one near Barmston Forge and two at Washington Staithes. The waste matter at Barmston only is treated in settlement tanks before being allowed to flow into the river. The tanks are cleansed once per year by contract. Construction of new sewage disposal works commenced in December, 1964, and the work is progressing satisfactorily.

River and Streams

No unfavourable reports on the condition of the various water-courses throughout the district were received during the past year.

Closet Accommodation

At the end of the year the various types in use within the Urban District were as follows :—

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Water Closets..	7,196	7,322	7,465	7,590	7,953
Ash Closets	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Elsan Closets ..	6	6	6	6	6

Clean Air Act, 1956

As yet no “ Smoke Controlled Areas ” have been established in the Urban District. However, with the anticipated run-down of the mining industry, the fear of problems associated with miners’ concessionary coal must eventually decrease. This, together with the large-scale proposed development of Washington New Town, will rapidly bring nearer the time when formulation of a Clean Air Policy will have to be seriously considered.

Swimming Baths

There are no public swimming baths in the Urban District.

Rodent Control

Throughout the year treatments for rat and mice infestations were carried out in accordance with recommended Ministry practice.

A summary of the work carried out on surface infestations is shown in the following table.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
Properties other than Sewers :		
1. Number of properties in district	7,558	....
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	255	....
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	99	....
(ii) Mice	93	....
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for Rats and/or Mice for reasons other than notification ....	....	....
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats ....	....	....
(ii) Mice ....	....	....
Sewers :	YES	NO
4. Were any Sewers infested by Rats during the year?	<div>√1</div>	<div>0</div>
	(Tick as appropriate)	

Housing

1. Closing and Demolition of Houses

A. FORMAL ACTION:

(1) Number of houses demolished during the year as a result of Clearance Schemes or other formal action	....	....	....	....	....	....	Nil
(2) Number of houses closed but not demolished as a result of formal action	....	....	....				1
(3) Number of houses in Clearance Areas and individual unfit houses, demolition of which temporarily postponed	....	....	....	....			Nil
(4) Number of houses in use as temporary accommodation	....	....	....	....	....	....	Nil

B. INFORMAL ACTION:

(1) Number of houses permanently discontinued as dwellings as a result of informal action and not included above	Nil
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2. Reconditioning and Repair

Number of houses made fit during the year by procedure under Housing Acts (excluding temporary accommodation) or Public Health Acts:—

(a) As a result of informal action	....	....	....	39
(b) By owners as a result of statutory notice	....			Nil
(c) By Local Authority in default of owners	....			Nil

3. New Houses completed during the Year

(a) By Local Authority	....	....	....	....	278
(b) By any other Housing Authority	....	....			Nil
(c) By private persons	....	....	....	....	79

4. Overcrowding

In the Urban District overcrowding is much in evidence, more particularly with regard to houses overcrowded by reason of more than one family being in occupation.

The following is a Summary of the Permanent Dwelling-houses, including number of Apartments erected by the Local Authority up to 31st December, 1967.

WARD	SIZE OF HOUSE OR TYPE						Total
	1BR	2BR	3BR	4BR	A.P.	S.P.	
Washington ....	....	119	293	....	49	29	490
Washington Station ....	....	42	239	....	66	38	385
Springwell ....	....	26	128	....	16	....	170
Usworth Colliery	54	364	181	25	29	63	716
Great Usworth ....	....	337	981	....	94	48	1,460
TOTAL	54	888	1,822	25	254	178	3,221

The total number of dwelling-houses under the control of the Urban District Council is tabulated herewith :—

Permanent ....	....	....	....	....	....	3,221
Temporary ....	....	....	....	....	....	83
Others ....	....	....	....	....	....	49
						<u>3,353</u>

5. Improvement Grants

	Discretionary	Standard
Applications submitted during 1967	8	7
Applications rejected during 1967	2	—
Applications cancelled by applicants	—	—
Total number of applications approved since inception of scheme	402	43
Total number of applications rejected since inception of scheme	26	3
Total number of grants paid since inception of scheme	380	34

6. Rent Act, 1957

Number of Certificates of Disrepair applied for during 1967 ....	....	....	Nil
Undertakings given by landlord (Form K) ....	....	....	Nil
Number of Certificates issued (Form L) ....	....	....	Nil
Number of Certificates cancelled ....	....	....	Nil

Inspection and Supervision of Food and Food Premises

(a) Milk Supply

During the year regular samples of milk were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Havelock Hospital, Sunderland, for examination. All samples taken satisfied the Methylene Blue and Phosphatase tests.

There are no pasteurisation plants within the area, the bulk of milk being supplied to retailers by the Craven Dairies Limited and North-West Durham Co-operative Dairies Limited.

(b) Inspection of Meat and Other Foods

No licences were issued during the year with regard to premises for the slaughtering of animals for human consumption.

Unsound foodstuffs, involving the issue of 291 certificates, were surrendered as unfit for human consumption during the year and consisted of the following:—

English Beef ....	....	....	....	....	80	lb.
Pork ....	....	....	....	....	11½	„
Sheep Pluck ....	....	....	....	....	7	„
Bacon ....	....	....	....	....	50	„
Tinned Meat	....	....	....	....	1,610	„
„ Vegetables	....	....	....	....	461	„
„ Fruit	....	....	....	....	195	„
„ Soup	....	....	....	....	479	„
„ Milk	....	....	....	....	107	tins
„ Milk Puddings	....	....	....	....	103	lb.
„ Fruit Juice	....	....	....	....	17	„
„ Fish	....	....	....	....	12	„
Cheese	....	....	....	....	9	„
Tinned Spaghetti	....	....	....	....	3	„
Salad Cream	....	....	....	....	2	jars
Tinned Cream	....	....	....	....	2	lb.
„ Sponge Puddings	....	....	....	....	1	„
Preserves	....	....	....	....	40	„
Bilberries	....	....	....	....	3	„
Dried Fruit	....	....	....	....	28	„
Biscuits	....	....	....	....	9	„
Custard Powder	....	....	....	....	7	„
Coffee	....	....	....	....	6	„
Flour ....	....	....	....	....	60	„

(c) Ice Cream

Number of Producers Registered	....	....	2
Number of Retailers Registered	....	....	46

Apart from the ice cream sold by the two registered producers, most of the ice cream is of the pre-packed type, which is delivered to the small retail shops where it is stored in refrigerators. Control of motor vans retailing in the district is satisfactorily maintained.

Sampling

The following list gives details of samples taken in the Urban District by the County Council Weights and Measures Inspectors under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

- 26 Milk
- *1 Milk
- *2 Currants
- *2 Cocoa
- *2 Brown Sugar
- *1 Ground Rice
- *1 Mixed Fruit Jam
- *2 Lemon Curd
- *2 Dibenyline Capsules
- *1 Entacyl Tablets
 - 1 Decrose Glucose with Vitamin D
 - 1 Cornflower
 - 1 Iodised Table Salt
- *1 Potted Pork
 - 1 Pease Pudding
 - 1 Savoury Rissoles
- *2 Potted Beef with Butter
- *1 Potted Meat
- *1 Phenergan Tablets
- *2 Nardil Tablets
- *1 Epanutin Capsules
 - 1 Sanatogen Junior Vitamins
 - 1 Yeast-Vite
 - 1 Indigestion Tablets
- *1 Stewed Steak with Gravy
 - 1 Rice Creamola
 - 1 Complan
- *1 Corned Beef
- *1 Boneless Chicken in Jelly
 - 1 Instant Coffee
 - 1 Fever Mixture

- 1 Fish Dressing
- 2 Tea
- 4 Beer
- 1 Currants
- *3 Braised Kidneys
- *1 Lettuce
- *1 Thephorin Tablets
- 1 Haliborange Tablets
- 1 Sour Lemons
- *1 Tomatoes
- *1 Instant Coffee
- *1 Sultanas
- *1 Blancmange Lemon Flavour
- *2 Gold Dressing
- 2 Corned Beef
- *1 Granulated Sugar
- *1 Antepar Elixir
- 1 Phosferine Tablets

* Informal

All samples were certified to be of genuine quality except the following:—

Currants which were infested with saw-toothed grain beetle.
Gold Dressing which contained a non-permitted colour.

A letter of caution was sent to the vendors concerned.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

The number of food premises subject to the above regulations, grouped in categories of trade carried on in them, is as follows:—

CATEGORY OF TRADE	Number of Premises	Number Complying with Regulation 16	Number Subject to Regulation 19	Number Complying with Regulation 19
General Dealers	52	48	52	52
Fruiterers	5	4	5	5
Butchers	12	9	12	12
Bakers	3	3	3	3
Wet and Fried Fish Shops	10	9	10	10
Confectioners	14	13	14	13
Canteens	24	24	24	24
Cafés and Snack Bars	5	5	5	5
Off-Licences	5	5	5	5
Licensed Premises	27	26	27	27
Warehouses	1	1	1	1
Totals	158	147	158	157

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

FOREIGN BODIES IN FOOD.

Two complaints of foreign bodies in foods were received during the year. In neither case was it considered necessary to institute legal proceedings.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

PREMISES	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	....	....	....	....
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	67	29	10	....
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	16	7	2	....
Total	83	36	12	....

2. Cases in which Defects were found

PARTICULARS	Number of Cases in which Defects were found				Number of Cases in which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	9	2	....	....	....
Overcrowding (S.2)	....	....	....	....	....
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	....	....	....	....	....
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	7	1	....	....	....
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	1	....	....	....	....
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—					
Insufficient	1	....	....	....	....
Unsuitable or defective	4	2	....	....	....
Not separate for sexes	....	....	....	....	....
Other offences (not including offences relating to out-work)	7	1	....	....	....
Total	29	6	....	....	....

Offices, Shops, and Railway Premises Act, 1963

All registered premises have received at least one general inspection and several revisits have been made to ascertain whether notices served had been complied with. Approximately 90 per cent of registered premises comply with the Act in all respects.

(A) REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

CLASS OF PREMISES	Number of Premises Registered during the Year	Total Number of Premises Registered at end of the Year	Number of Registered Premises Receiving a General Inspection during the Year
Offices	5	40	6
Retail Shops	2	91	4
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	2	2	2
Catering Establishments open to the Public and Canteens	4	17	6
Fuel Storage Depots	—	—	—
Total	13	150	18

(B) Number of visits of all kinds made by Inspectors to Registered Premises 86

(C) ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES.

CLASS OF WORKPLACE	NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED
Offices	528
Retail Shops	427
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	23
Catering Establishments open to the Public	85
Canteens	10
Fuel Storage Depots	—
Total	1073
Total Males	444
Total Females	629

(D) EXEMPTIONS.

Number of applications for exemptions received	.... Nil
Number of exemptions granted:	
<i>Space</i> .....	.... Nil
<i>Temperature</i> .....	.... Nil
<i>Sanitary Conveniences</i> .....	.... Nil
<i>Washing Facilities</i> ....	.... Nil

(E) PROSECUTIONS.

Number of prosecutions instituted	.... .... One
Number of complaints made under Section 22....	.... Nil
Number of interim orders granted	.... .... Nil

(F) INSPECTORS.

Number of inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1)	
of the Act	.... ....Two
Number of other staff employed for most of their time	
on work in connection with the Act	.... .... Nil

(G) ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS.

SECTION OF THE ACT	Number of Contraventions Found	Number of Contraventions Remedied
4. Cleanliness	—	8
5. Overcrowding	—	—
6. Temperature	5	9
7. Ventilation	2	3
8. Lighting	2	10
9. Sanitary Conveniences	1	1
10. Washing Facilities	5	10
11. Supply of Drinking Water	—	1
12. Accommodation for Clothing	3	9
13. Sitting Facilities	—	—
14. Seats for Sedentary Work	—	—
15. Eating Facilities	—	—
16. Floors, Passages and Stairs	2	7
17. Fencing of Machinery	1	7
18. Protection of Young Persons	1	—
19. Training of Machine Operators	1	—
24. First-Aid—General Provisions	4	8
50. Information for Employees	7	11
Total	34	83

(H) ACCIDENTS REPORTED.

WORKPLACE	NUMBER REPORTED	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Offices	—	1
Retail Shops	—	2
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	—	1
Catering Establishments open to Public		
Canteens	—	—
Fuel Storage Depots	—	—
Total	—	4

Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

Under the provisions of the above Act every local authority is required to maintain a register of persons carrying on business in their area as scrap metal dealers.

For the purpose of the Act a scrap metal dealer is defined as anyone who carries on a business which consists wholly or partly of buying and selling scrap metal.

Four persons are registered with this authority under the Act.

Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928

Licences to store petroleum spirit under the above Act were issued in respect of 21 installations throughout the district. Quantities of petroleum spirit stored range from 100 gallons to 8,000 gallons.

